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TEAM NB SETS NEW MEDAL RECORD AT 2017 CANADA SUMMER GAMES



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New Brunswick wrestlers are returning home this week with the largest medal count in the history of the Canada Summer Games. Six wrestlers earn individual medals during the three days of competition in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Both Alex Cormier of St. Louis de Kent, and Annabelle Boudreau of Beresford each earned a bronze medal, while Justin Shannon of Moncton, Tania Blanchard of Sormany, and Jasime Thebeau of Rexton each took silver. Chris O'Toole of Hampton was New Brunswick's lone gold medalist, as he defeated all of his competitors to finish on top of the podium.

As a team, New Brunswick placed fifth in the women's division and the men placed sixth. The women defeated Quebec but dropped duals to Ontario and British Columbia. The women then picked up a win against Prince Edward Island to move into the fifth and sixth place crossover where they defeated Nova Scotia. The Men began the event with a win over Newfoundland and Labrador before falling to Saskatchewan and British Columbia. The women defeated Prince Edward Island to move into the fifth and sixth place crossover where they lost to Alberta.

"The male and female wrestlers from New Brunswick represented our province extremely well during the Canada Summer Games," said LNBW President, Chris Falconer. "There was a great success with each athlete as they continually improved leading up to the games, and they performed valiantly under pressure once the games began. The success they displayed is exciting as we continue to build the sport in our province."

The Canada Summer Games is a multi-sport event held every four years in Canada which brings together athletes, coaches and volunteers from all ten Canadian provinces and three territories. The next Canada Summer Games are set for the summer of 2021 in the Niagara Region of Ontario.